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DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] called to advise that we have a request for a speech before the Foreign Affairs student group at Langley High School in McLean. Mr. Helms has indicated approval to give such a speech. Recently [REDACTED] gave a similar type speech at the Mercerburg Academy.

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This is an extension of the types of organizations or groups before which CIA would give unclassified talks, as the previous approval by Mr. Helms related more to civic organizations. Colonel White has asked that [REDACTED], John Richardson, and RLB meet with him to discuss this matter and to determine what group of Agency speakers are best qualified to handle this program.

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3. Computer--Saigon: In reference to a recent proposal that a computer be made available to the Saigon Station for the handling of its data base information, several memoranda have been produced pointing up the excessive costs in this area and the shortage of experienced personnel to run such a program. At headquarters we are guessing to some extent what Saigon really wants to put on a computer. It was agreed with [REDACTED] that we would wait until the Planning Team returns to headquarters at the end of October and get their views as to the information base involved, and if this guidance indicates some practicality of operation, we should send a one- or two-man team to Saigon to explore this in further detail. I believe that some of the information, and perhaps a large part of the information, that Saigon wants in computer form is much the same as what we already have here at headquarters and perhaps some of our program, with slight modification, could simply be lifted out to Saigon and there the data inputted in accordance with the program. The next move is the report from the Planning Team.

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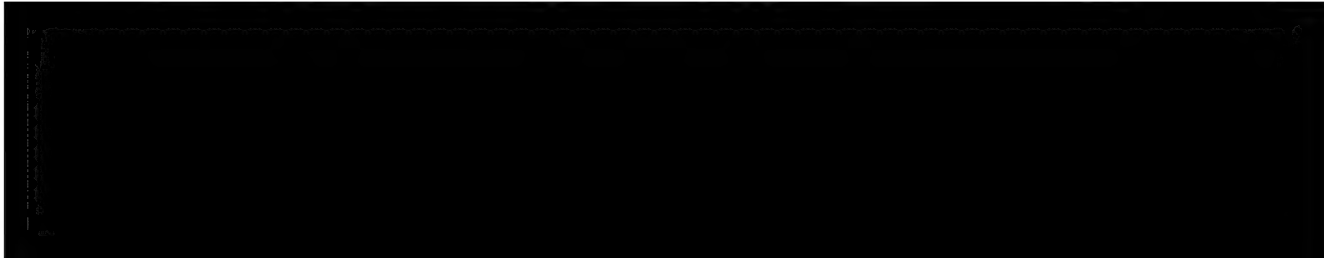
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6. Senior Staffing--Office of Communications: [REDACTED] advised that 25X1A  
senior assignments in the Office of Communications were under consideration and  
he informally asked for my viewpoint concerning the senior positions in Commo at  
the headquarters level. I advised that while their system of continuous rotation of  
senior officers from overseas to the deputy and related positions in Commo was an  
excellent plan in the past, for the sake of developing executive talent, I felt the  
situation had now changed and we needed longer continuity. I advised that I was  
interested in the reorganization plan to be developed by Commo and that I would  
prefer to see its senior officers in the headquarters' positions remain in those  
positions for a longer time in order to develop greater expertise in their areas of  
responsibility and at the same time apply their best talents to some of the rather  
large and intricate communications problems that are in being and developing in the  
near future. [REDACTED] advised that he felt that this was my position in the past  
but that he was glad to have it reaffirmed.

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